

Comments on the Reunion:

Les Kelman

What a great job you and the others have done. Thank you!! Have enjoyed the ability to see all the activities of our class over the years. I regret I was not able to join you all.

Alan Parsons - Executive Administrator - Old Selbornian Association

I am lost for words, you have probably pulled off the best organised re-union in history. I thought mine was good and thorough, you took it to another level, well done.

Please could I ask you to send me a fairly high res photo of your year at Founders Day (as in Class of 61 Re-Union Bulletin). I would like to put on the web site.

Many thanks for the war cry page, which I now have in my office and have documented all your publications in OSA records.

Ian Walker

A huge THANKS to you and Lyn for looking after us in EL. The reunion would not have been as enjoyable had we gone to a hotel. Reconnecting with Rodney, Corbo and Richard after all these years was a bonus. We plan to see Richard in 2013.

Congratulations for your vision and overview in putting it all together in such a professional way. The year book is a wonderful memory of my personal history which I will treasure and share with my son.

Brian Staples

Well done guys on a fantastic weekend. You all excelled yourselves. We will always be grateful for your efforts to get us all together.

Brian Bartlett

It was really a fantastic week-end. I just don't understand why all of us look old yet the actions / behaviour are still the same!! The Lion lager is no longer around but there are many others to take its place!

Thanks very much for a very well organised occasion and I look forward to the 55th. Please convey my thanks to Peter, Owen and Roger for a job well done.

James de Wet

Werner . . a special thanks to you and the committee who pulled off a fantastic week end.

Colin Chambers

It was indeed for me both an honour and a privilege to have been able to speak at our Reunion dinner, and I sincerely thank you and the organizing committee for giving me the wonderful opportunity to do so, and I am very glad that it went down well with the folk at the dinner.

I also want to thank you and the organizing committee for all your hard work in putting on such a truly great Reunion - WELL DONE to you all !!

I just want to say that coming out to South Africa (East London) for the Reunion was a very very great experience - thanks again for all your hard work.

Trevor Webster (Co Author with Neil Emslie of Bearers of the Palm) – we sent him a copy of our Year Book.

Wow! That's impressive!

What an enormous amount of work and all done with love. I must say the portraits of the the class are interesting and the current pictures very elegant.

Congratulations, Werner, you and the organizing Committee have done a great job.

Corbo Colborne

Thank you both for a most wonderful weekend. Probably the best short break of my life.

Laird King

What an incredible reunion!!! Not in my wildest dreams would I have thought such an amazing weekend could take place – let alone being organized so well. I am still recovering from the lack of sleep, overeating (not overdrinking!) and listening to the wonderful experiences and efforts of the chaps who attended. Not only at great expense, but by putting in an enormous commitment to be present at the unforgettable occasion.

Please convey my appreciation to those who organized the reunion – I have misplaced other email addresses so would be pleased if you would forward my thanks to all involved, including the efforts of all those that attended.

I shall make a few ideas known for further Founders Day celebrations in the future when I have had time to give it some thought. It would be such a pity to have to wait a whole five years before we get together again, considering there are a substantial number living in the area anyway.

Thanks so much for the efforts by your very hard working and capable team, I enjoyed the weekend hugely and trust all the others feel the same, as I am certain they would.

A wonderful, wonderful, experience of re-kindling the old acquaintances.

THANK YOU ALL.

Rodney le Roux

Thanks for your note and the attached speech from Emslie. My input at the dinner pales into insignificance when we look at what you and the team did it was as the poms, say: brilliant".

Also a huge thank you to you and Lyn for so graciously hosting me and the others - it was really great to be made to feel so at home.

Don and Thelma Jamieson (Class of 62)

Well, first of all, congratulations on a really superb evening. We both thoroughly enjoyed it both from meeting up with a lot of old friends as well as the entertainment value.

You absolutely nailed it. Well done!!

Just shows that hard work pays off. The amount of effort that you put into it was fantastic and I'm sure everybody felt the same way.

Brian Roberts

Congratulations on an unbelievable reunion and thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm, I think you have got the job for life!!!

Once again thanks for your efforts.

John Cotterell

Well done on organising a superlative reunion! I enjoyed every minute of the time we had together with our class of '61 and just being back at the "best school in South Africa" while soaking in the traditions and the notable politeness of the boys. It will leave lasting and very pleasant memories for me.

Very much appreciated!

Cecil Schneider

Hi Werner and Lyn and Owen and Peter and Roger and...

While the movies are loading up, I want to thank you all again and again and once more, for what you have done for me, personally, let alone the whole class.

I have returned to Cape Town absolutely bubbling about my East London experiences.

Thank you for the opportunities you opened up, for the friendships that were forged, for the spirit, for the amount of work that you put into the weekend. All of it, down to the little details was highly successful.

Thank you for letting me get to know you, thank for...everything.

John Wakefield (commenting on the Year Book)

Fine document - well done

John Gunn

I would like to thank you, Roger, Peter and Owen for organizing such an amazing reunion for us.

It was truly a moving experience to be back together again after so many years, not to mention attending the Founders Day Ceremony.

Having experienced everything over the weekend one realizes what a privilege it was to attend a school like Selborne, and what's more that the school's standards and traditions have been maintained over all these years.

The highlight for our group was undoubtedly the dinner on Saturday evening. It was an exceptionally enjoyable occasion – so much so that we all want to get back together in 5 years time! A very big thank you to you and Lyn for all the time and effort you both put in to make this such a memorable occasion for us.

Helena was in awe of everything and only now appreciates who she actually married!!! On a serious note she really enjoyed the weekend and getting to know so many of our group and their wives.

Again – thank you!

Peter Rein

Hi guys - I just wanted to say thank you to you for organizing such a good reunion. I think you did a wonderful job, and it wouldn't have been the same without your hard work. It was all much appreciated.

Well done. Look forward to the 60th

Ken Gray (Member of 1960 Organising Team and honoured guest at our dinner)

I have been meaning for some time to contact you and congratulate you on a wonderful effort in putting together the entire event with particular regard to the final evening "Superb" in every way. Well done on a task so well done with so much panache. Hope we don't lose touch.

Trevor George

Short note to thank you and the committee for an outstanding job organizing our reunion. Gaye and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Gaye was so enthusiastic she is now all fired up about her own 50th in 2013.

Richard Nuttall

Please convey my thanks and congratulations to Peter Turner, Roger Webber, Owen Thompson and all the other organizers of the reunion for an incredible four days, you guys were brilliant. I was really moved at the Founder's Day ceremony, and fifty years of memories just flooded my senses. Being able to renew old friendships and to establish new ones with guys I never really knew before was amazing. For example I had never really spoken with Cecil Schneider before, but found him such a delightful man and enjoyed every moment I spent with him. I guess that was what the reunion was all about don't you think? I had forgotten what an incredible school Selborne was/is, and how privileged we were to have gone there.

Selwyn Goddard (Class of '62)

What a fantastic job you guys did. You can all feel very proud with the result.

Jeff Fetting

Joy and I want to thank you for a fabulous evening. Your thoughtfulness in inviting us was sincerely appreciated. Congratulations on a superbly organised weekend. Do you have some spare booklets? I would love to have one for myself and the school Museum and Library.

Tony de Kock

I know it has been said many times but I just want to express my thanks and appreciation for a brilliantly organised Reunion. My thanks too to your committee and of course Lyn! (she must be happy it's over)

I must say I really enjoyed everything--maybe you noticed!--and it has taken me some time to settle down again!! Once again many thanks.

Errol Sapire

It was a great pleasure being at the Reunion. My contribution was small in comparison with yours & indeed the Organising Committee. I personally congratulated you on producing the booklet. The idea Of the "life profiles" was fantastic. I have read them all & my heart was warmed by what I read about all the guys. It was humbling & I felt proud to be a member of the Class of `61.

As a result of the Profiles & meeting with the guys, I intend to make contact with a great number of those who both were & were not at the Reunion.

Tova & I enjoyed the Reunion very much. Tova, an Israeli, was amazed at the traditions & the friendship between all the guys. This is not seen in Israel.

Werner, thank you for allowing me to speak at the wonderful Dinner. I am already preparing to speak at the 55th, if you will allow me!!

Once again thanks to you & your committee for a very wonderful & memorable Class of `61 Reunion.

Mike Moorshead

Thanks for all you did for the reunion. It was great.

Andrew Curle

Many thanks to you and the rest of committee for putting together a most enjoyable event, and especially to your good self for your spirited hosting of the Saturday evening function.

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Founders' Day at Selborne is so unique, and I am sure you will all agree, it is special to all Old Selbornians. We had no fewer than 10 re-unions taking place over the Founders' Day weekend, and this included about 500 Old Selbornians attending various functions. I must thank all the Re-Union Convenors and their committees for the incredible task they performed in organising all these re-unions. The OSA is indebted to you all.

I do not like to single people out, but I think we were all blown away at the level of organisation, by the **Class of 1961**. Special thanks to **Werner Illgner, Owen Thompson, Peter Turner** and **Roger Webber**. You guys can be so proud of what you achieved, your mates are proud of you, and they asked me to make special mention of you all.

Re-Unions included 1951, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001. Some small, others a lot bigger, but you all made the effort to re-unite with your mates from your formative days when you attended Selborne College.

Selwyn Gersowsky

I would like to thank you and all your team for organizing such a fantastic Reunion.

It really was great seeing all the guys after so many years and I am looking forward to the 55th Reunion.

If ever you come to Cape Town please look us up, or if you need a place to stay we would be only too happy to put you up.

We could definitely have a few rubbers of bridge together!

